
• Other things you should know...

If your income, assets, or living situation change, you must call your worker to report the change immediately.

At least once a year, your worker will review your income, assets and living situation to verify that you are still eligible for State Supplement.

If you have disposed of an asset within the two years prior to your application and did not receive fair market value for it, your application may be denied. If you transfer or dispose of an asset while you are receiving State Supplement and you do not get fair market value for it, your benefits may be discontinued.

If you own your own home, the State will file a lien against the title so that any assistance you receive can be recovered. Repayment of assistance, plus a small filing fee, can clear the lien at any time.

If you have any questions about anything in this pamphlet, or if you need additional information, please call your Department worker.

The Department of Social Services' programs are available to all applicants and recipients without regard to race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, learning disabilities, national origin, ancestry or language barriers. The Department has a TDD/TTY line for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired and have a TDD/TTY: 1-800-842-4524. Auxiliary aids are also available for blind or visually impaired persons.

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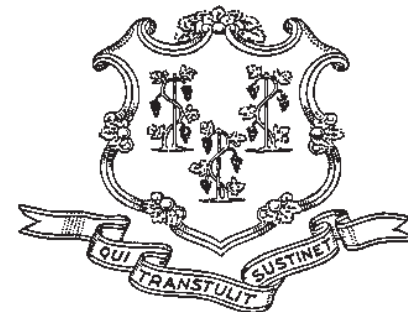


State Department of Social Services Offices

Hartford Regional Office 3580 Main St., Hartford	860-723-1000
Manchester Regional Sub-Office 699 East Middle Tpke., Manchester	860-647-1441
Stamford Regional Sub-Office 1642 Bedford St., Stamford	203-251-9300
New Britain Regional Sub-Office 270 Lafayette St., New Britain	860-612-3400
Norwich Regional Office 279 Main St., Norwich	860-823-5000
Bridgeport Regional Office 925 Housatonic Ave., Bridgeport	860-551-2700
Middletown Regional Sub-Office 117 Main St. Ext., Middletown	860-704-3100
Waterbury Regional Office 249 Thomaston Ave., Waterbury	203-596-4152
Danbury Regional Sub-Office 342 Main St., Danbury	203-207-8900
Torrington Regional Sub-Office 62 Commercial Blvd. Suite 1, Torrington	860-496-6900
New Haven Regional Office 194 Bassett St., New Haven	203-974-8000

State Supplement...

For the Aged, Blind and Disabled



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The **State Supplement Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled** can provide monthly benefits to low income individuals for basic living needs.

You may qualify for the State Supplement Program if your income is not enough to meet your basic needs and if you are at least 65 years old, or if you are disabled and age 18 to 64, or if you are blind.

To qualify, you must have other income, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, Social Security retirement or disability benefits, or a small pension. You may still qualify, however, if you have another source of income, including wages.

There is also a limit on the amount of assets you can have. Generally, countable assets are things like bank accounts, cash on hand, stocks and bonds, and life insurance. A Department worker will explain the asset limits to you when you apply.

• If you think you qualify...

... visit or phone the Social Services office nearest you. A list of the offices and telephone numbers is on the back of this pamphlet. If you cannot visit the office, you can apply by mail.

If you visit the office, bring proof of your income and assets, such as bank accounts or life insurance. Examples of proof of income are copies of your Social Security, SSI or pension check(s).

• When you apply...

... you will be given an **application form** which you must complete and you will be assigned a worker to handle your application. If you do not understand something on the form, ask your worker to explain it.

Your worker will prepare a **personal budget** for you, based partly on your expenses for shelter and partly on an established State rate for your other basic needs, like food, clothing and utilities.

Your worker will then compare your personal budget to your income. We will not count part of your income, and that amount will vary depending upon your living situation or type of income.

If your income, after the deduction, is less than your personal budget, you may qualify for a monthly payment.

• If your application is granted...

... you will be assigned a permanent worker to keep track of your case. You will receive a check in the mail each month.

You will also receive a **Medicaid** card, which you can use when you need medical care. Show it to your doctor or other health care provider when you need medical services. If your doctor or other health care provider participates in the Connecticut Medicaid program, he or she will send the bill to the State, not to you.

Important: If you have other health insurance or Medicare, you must tell your health provider that you do. This is because Medicaid pays only the part of the bill not covered by other insurance.

You may also qualify for **help with utility and heating bill and for Food Stamps**. As your worker for details.

• If your application is denied...

... you will be mailed a notice explaining why. The notice will also tell you about your right to appeal through a Fair Hearing.